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For: HYDROGEN PERMEABLE MEMBRANE
FOR USE IN FUEL CELLS, AND PARTIAL
REFORMATE FUEL CELL SYSTEM HAVING
REFORMING CATALYSTS IN THE ANODE
FUEL CELL COMPARTMENT

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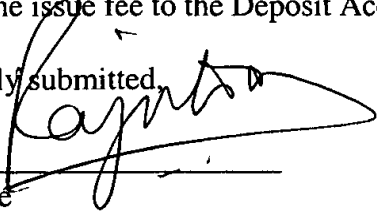
Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003 (Paper No. 6), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-4, 31-33 and 44-47, drawn to a proton conductor and/or a proton conducting membrane, classified in class 252, subclass 62.2. Also, Applicant elects species 1, i.e., proton conductor.

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